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Morality gone wrong

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The Indonesian State creed, contained in the preamble to the 1945 Constitution, Indonesia's current constitution, consists of Five Principles. Soeharto's New Order government took these Five Principles and sub-divided them into a number of moral precepts, which became part of the compulsory political education for all Indonesia's schoolchildren and civil servants (who include all teachers, most doctors, and staff in all statutory authorites).

Below is a translation of these moral precepts, as they are expounded to Indonesians in the P4 programme (Guidelines for the Implementation of Pancasila).

Given Indonesia's current economic and political state, the religious strife and rampant corruption, one gets the impression that something has gone terribly wrong in the moral sphere too. In reading Indonesia's state morality below, you may be moved to tears, or indeed a touch of mirth.

Pancasila

Beliefin the One Great God

Believeand trust in the One Great God according to one's individual religion and beliefs, on the basis of a humanity which is just and civilised.
Exercisemutual respect and cooperation between religionists and adherents of differing beliefs, so that a harmony of life is developed.
Respecteach other's freedom to worship according to one's own religion and belief.
Do not force a particular religion or belief on others.

A Just and Civilised Humanity

Acknowledgean equality of status, equality of rights, and equality of responsibilities amongst humankind.
Loveone another.
Developconsideration for others.
Do not act high-handedly towards others.
Givegreat respect to humane attitudes.

Enjoyundertaking humanitarian activites.
Havethe courage to defend truth and justice.
The Indonesian nation feels itself to be part of all humankind, therefore mutual respect for and cooperation with other nations will emerge.

IndonesianUnity

Placethe integrity, unity, interests and safety of the nation and country above personal or class interests.
Be willing to make sacrifices for the good of the nation and country.
LoveThe Motherland and nation.
Be proud of being part of the Indonesian nation and The Motherland of Indonesia.
Promoteassociations for the sake of the integrity and unity of the nation which is "Unity-in-Diversity".

Democracy which is led by the Wisdom of the Policies deriving from Discussion and Representation

Giveemphasis to the interests of the country and community.
Do not force one's will on others.
Giveemphasis to discussion when making decisions for the common good.
Discussionsto reach consensus are to be imbued with a spirit of family togetherness.
Withgood intentions and a sense of responsibility, accept and implement the decisions coming out of discussions.
Discussionis to take place with common sense and noble intentions.
A decision which is taken must be justified morally to the One Great God, glorifying the worth and dignity of humankind, as well as the values of truth and justice.

Social Justice for All the People of Indonesia

Developworthy actions which reflect an attitude and atmosphere of family togetherness and community service.
Be just.
Keepa balance between rights and responsibilities.
Respectthe rights of others.
Enjoyhelping others.
Avoidexploitation of others.
Do not be wasteful.
Do not adopt a lifestyle of luxury.
Do not do anything which will hurt the common good.
Enjoyhard work.

Valuethe work of others.
Try with others to create even development and social justice.